

Historic Resources Board

An advisory Board to the Huntington Beach City Council

MINUTES HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Tuesday, October 20, 2009
5:30 p.m.
Huntington Beach Art Center
538 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ryan called the meeting of the Historic Resources Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at which time a quorum was met.

II. ROLL CALL: Alvarez, Bloom, Harris, Haynes, Jepsen, Ryan, Santiago, Schey, Watkins

ABSENCES: Bryant, Heritage

STAFF PRESENT: Hoffman, Li Yan Hui

III. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:

1. The Board welcomed guests Laurie Payne, Community Relations Officer for the City of Huntington Beach, and Ron Shenkman, Centennial Committee Co-Chair. In recognition of the new board members, each member introduced themselves and told a little about their background. Ryan thanked Hoffman for facilitating the board for the last 7 years.

IV. CURRENT ISSUE UPDATES:

1. Ebb & Flow Book Proceeds:
 - a. Hoffman thanked the Board and Centennial Committee for all of the work each group performed during this centennial year.
 - b. Ms. Payne gave a brief history of how the Centennial Committee was formed. Payne stated that upon formation, there was discussion that the Historic Resources Board would be involved with the centennial year events. Fundraising began in summer 2008. Robert Mayer Corp. gave \$100,000; Ron Shenkman of Rainbow Disposal gave \$25,000. On behalf of the Centennial Committee, Mr. Shenkman approached Aera Energy, who gave \$25,000. Aera Energy indicated that the funds be used toward the historic exhibition. Ms. Payne summarized the production of the Ebb & Flow book for the benefit of the new members. \$9,200 was spent on the exhibit; \$6,000 on printing costs; \$5,000 on graphic design. Santiago took over the graphic design portion of the project due to escalating costs, therefore, the costs for graphic design do not reflect Santiago's time. 3,000 books were printed and ready for distribution on February 17, 2009. The school district wanted to provide each student with a copy; however, this was not possible. Since Watkins was able to secure a lower printing cost, the school was able to purchase 1,000 books at a cost of \$2.00/each. 2,000 books were left for distribution to various outlets that sold centennial merchandise. Ms. Payne brought the remaining 6 cases to the Board meeting. There is an estimate of 700 books that will be turned over to the HRB. In addition, Ms. Payne offered a check to the Board from the Centennial

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- Committee, in the amount of \$4,243 in hopes of settling the matter of the Ebb & Flow funds.
- c. Mr. Shenkman acknowledged that Santiago did a wonderful job with Ebb & Flow. However, he takes issue with Santiago's email communications regarding Ms. Payne, and his insistence that he was representing the entire Board with his statements and opinions. Mr. Shenkman stated that he has cleared the remaining funds to be turned over to the Historic Resources Board without restriction. He would like to see this issue settled.
 - d. Ryan thanked Ms. Payne and Mr. Shenkman. The main goal of the Historic Resources Board is preservation and education. The money being offered should go toward the production of the preservation education video. Ryan stated that she and Haynes met with Ricky Ramos from the Planning Dept., who agreed that the video would complement the survey. Haynes was concerned about a potential conflict with the centennial video, but Ms. Payne said that the centennial video is being given away, and she does not see a conflict.
 - e. Ryan recommended that the Board vote to accept the \$4,243 check from the Centennial Committee. However, Santiago wanted an opportunity to respond to Mr. Shenkman and Ms. Payne prior to a vote.
 - f. Santiago apologized and stated that he did not mean to be insulting to Ms. Payne, and feels that some things were misconstrued and lost in translation.
 - g. The Board discussed in length how they came to this point with the book and video, and the funds associated with the book. Board members agreed that there were many lessons to be learned from this project and protocol should be established for any further projects. Santiago wants the minutes to reflect that whatever the money turns out to be, the money takes care of any outside commitments.
 - h. Ms. Payne will provide the remaining books to Haynes. Schey wanted it recorded that although Haynes will take possession of the books, she will not be liable should something happen to them. Haynes motioned that the board accept the offer from the Centennial Committee of \$4,243 and the remaining books. Santiago seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Transition to Planning:
- a. Ryan, Haynes and Hoffman met with Ricky Ramos of the Planning Dept. regarding the transition. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM, at City Hall. The meeting room will be arranged at a later time. Email will be sent to confirm the meeting date, an agenda will be presented and minutes will be provided from the previous meeting. The staff liaison will distribute the minutes. The Planning Dept. will not be providing a secretary for the Board, so the Board will need to elect one for taking minutes. The agenda will be set by the Chair and Staff Liaison and will be approving two sets of minutes.
 - b. Ryan is unable to attend the next meeting. Haynes will be conducting it on her behalf.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Resources Board is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach (room to be determined at a later date).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ryan motioned for adjournment. Haynes seconded, the motioned carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Desiree Li Yan Hui, Recording Secretary